(c) No, Sir.

(d) The plot has now been included in the ensuing auction programme.

Officer of Plot to the Maharashtra Government in Lieu of Sirmur Plot

2628. SHRI MUKESH R. PATEL:
SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM:

Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have offered a plot at Shrinivaspuri in lieu of the Sirmur plot, to the Maharashtra Government and whether due to inconvenience and unsuitability, the Maharashtra Government has refused the offer;

(b) if so, whether Government are going to vacate the Sirmur plot and hand over the same to the Maharashtra Government;

(c) if so, by when it would be executed; and

(d) if not, the alternative steps proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) Yes, Sir. 1.5 acres land in Srinivaspuri area in lieu of Sirmur Plot was offered to the Government of Maharashtra. The Government of Maharashtra represented that they were not interested in 1.5 acres land in Srinivaspuri area.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of reply at (b) above.

(d) Further steps in this regard will be taken in consultation with the Government of Maharashtra.

Revision of Population Limit of towns

2629. SHRI MUKESH R. PATEL:
SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM:

Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 124 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 31st July, 1997 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the population limit of the towns to be considered under AUWSP has been increased from 20,000 to 1,00,000;

(b) if so, the detailed thereof; and

(c) what is Government's decision regarding Maharashtra Government's demand of increasing the quantity of water being supplied in urban areas from 70 lpcd to 100 lpcd?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) It has been clarified in the reply sent to the Maharashtra Government that the present norm of 70 lpcd is considered adequate for towns having population upto 1,00,000 as these towns do not generally in large industrial and institutional requirements of water.

Statue on Willingdon Crescent

2630. SHRI K. R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the beautiful group statue on Willingdon Crescent Sardar Patel Road junction in New Delhi is an approximate representation of Dandi March;

(b) whether it is a fact that a pix of this art sculpture has been printed on Rs. 500-notes;